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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: BARANOVA ET AL.)
SERIAL NO.: 09/076,956) EXAMINER: L. CRANE, Ph.D.
FILED: MAY 13, 1998) ART UNIT: 1623
FOR: PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF) CONF. NO.: 5479
NUCLEIC ACIDS ON A SOLID)
SUPPORT AND COMPOUNDS WHICH)
ARE USEFUL IN PARTICULAR AS)
SOLID SUPPORTS IN THE SAID)
PROCESS)

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the referenced application and the Office Action of May 7, 2003,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3
of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this submission.

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